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SUBJECT: MODE - EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF MISSION

A) STATE 66110; B) KATHMANDU 5220; C) 77 STATE 277164

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, I HAVE AGAIN REVIEWED PERSONNEL
REQUIREMENTS AT THIS MISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH SENIOR
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES AND COME OUT WITH ABOUT SAME FINDINGS
AND CONCLUSIONS REPORTED IN REF B, NAMELY:

A) EMBASSY - MODE CEILING OF US TWENTY-FOUR CAN STAND SOME
TRIMMING. NUMBERS AND RATIONALE WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

B) DAO - AS REPORTED REF B, FUTURE OF THIS OFFICE IS UP FOR
DECISION THIS SUMMER. I AM KEEPING CLOSE TABS ON ITS ACTIVITIES
AND WORKLOAD AND WILL HAVE RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE
OR CLOSE OFFICE BY JULY.

C) MSG - NO CHANGE.

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D) PC/N AND AID/N. - THESE TWO AGENCIES ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED
IN ONE OF OUR BASIC OBJECTIVES IN NEPAL OF PROVIDING EFFECTIVE
DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE. HAPPILY, THEY ARE BOTH ON TARGET IN
ADDRESSING BOTH NEPALESE AND U.S. PRIORITIES INVOLVING
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND RURAL AREAS. PC U.S. STAFF IS SMALL AND
AID/N HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY CUT BACK IN RECENT YEARS. THIS TREND
MADUHAVE TO BE REVERSED WITH INCREASES IN BOTH PN/N AND AID/N

BECAUSE OF INCREASED U.S. ATTENTION IN LDCS LIKE NEPAL (TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT APPARENT AID/W EFFORTS TO RESOLVE SOME OF ITS STAFFING PROBLEMS IN WASHINGTON BY MOVING MORE PERSONNEL TO THE FIELD). SOME OF THIS TREND IS REFLECTED IN INCREASES PROPOSED IN REF B TO INCREASE PC/N US STAFF FROM 3 TO 4 AND AID/N FROM 19 TO 22. TO DATE WE HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT ON THESE RECOMMENDED NEW MODE CEILINGS.

E) USICA - PRESENT STAFF OF THREE AMERICANS IS JUST RIGHT FOR JOB OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY WE REQUIRE HERE TO FULFILL OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

2. IN SUMMARY I HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL CONCUR IN MY ANALYSIS REGARDING MISSION'S PROFILE AND PERSONNEL LEVELS AND WILL APPROVE AND PROCEED WITH CUTS IN EMBASSY STAFF AS RECOMMENDED IN MESSAGE IN SEPARATE CHANNEL.
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